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SUBJECT: SEBHA II AGREEMENT

SUMMARY: IN A CLEAR, STRAIGHTFORWARD SERIES OF RESPONSES  
AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 1, VICE PRESIDENT DJIME  
HAS CLARIFIED CHAD'S INTERPRETATION OF THE SEBHA II  
AGREEMENT. IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL IF FROLINAT REBELS OR  
QADHAFI WILL SHARE THIS INTERPRETAWON.

1. VICE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH FROLINAT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT AND THAT THE RESULTS  
HAD FALLEN SHORT OF THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE SUPREME  
MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC). HOWEVER, HE SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS  
HAD SHOWN THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS  
TO DEAL OPENLY WITH THE REBELS, HAD POINTED UP SOME  
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OF THE REBELS' FEARS IN NEGOTIATING, AND HAD SET THE  
STAGE FOR FUTURE TALKS.

2. IN REGARD TO RECOGNITION OF FROLINAT, VICE  
PRESIDENT SAID THIS WAS MERELY A DE FACTO RECOGNITION  
OF AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD EXISTED SINCE 1975 AND  
THAT IT DID NOT CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION OF FROLINAT

AS A POLITICAL PARTY OR AS THE SOLE NEGOTIATING ENTITY FOR THE REBELS.

3. CONCERNING THE MIXED MILITARY COMMISSION WHICH IS TO SUPERVISE THE CEASE FIRE AND ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT FOREIGN TROOPS AND BASES ARE IN CHAD, HE STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT CHAD WAS A SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT AND AS SUCH HAD THE RIGHT TO MAKE AND KEEP AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. ONE SUCH AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN MADE BY THE SMC WAS AN ARRANGEMENT FOR FRENCH MILITARY ADVISORS IN CHAD. HE STRESSED THIS WAS NOT AN QUOTE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE UNQUOTE AND THAT CHAD HAD NO INTENTION OF CHANGING THIS ARRANGEMENT. VICE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT FOR STRATEGIC MILITARY REASONS, THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE DISCLOSING ITS MILITARY DISPOSITIONS OR THE DISPOSITION OF FRENCH ADVISORS TO THE MIXED MILITARY COMMISSION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT IN TALKING OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN CHAD, THE PRESENCE OF LIBYAN REGULARS WAS INTENDED TO BE COVERED AS WELL.

4. IN STRESSING THE SMC'S DESIRE FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, HE POINTED OUT THAT SEBHA II WAS MERELY ANOTHER STEP ALONG THE WAY AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAD NEGOTIATED SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENTS WITH HISSEN HABRE AND DR. AWAD. THESE  
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AGREEMENTS WOULD BE HONORED, AND REORGANIZATION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS PROCEEDING ALONG THE LINES AGREED UPON.

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CONTINUED REBEL RADIO BROADCASTS FROM TRIPOLI DEFAMING THE SMC WERE NOT A BREACH OF THE SEBHA II AGREEMENT, VICE PRESIDENT SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO MAKE SUCH AN ACCUSATION.

6. HE SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND WOUNDED HAD BEEN TREATED AT SEBHA BUT NO RESOLUTION ACHIEVED. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE QUESTION OF LIBYAN OCCUPATION OF THE AOZOU STRIP HAD NOT BEEN COVERED AT SEBHA II.

7. COMMENT: WHILE VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS CLEAR AIR LOCALLY AS TO THE MEANING OF SEBHA II, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT FROLINAT AND QADHAFI WILL NOT ACCEPT THEM. CHAD HAS STATED CLEARLY THAT IT INTENDS TO KEEP FRENCH TROOPS SHIELDING THE APPROACH TO NDJAMENA, THAT FROLINAT IS JUST ANOTHER OF MANY SMALL REBEL GROUPS, AND THAT IT INTENDS TO

HONOR THE COMMITMENT IT HAS ALREADY MADE TO REBEL LEADERS  
SUCH AS HISEN HABRE, WHO IS ANATHEMA TO GOUKOUNI AND  
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